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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1037

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1. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT, AS OF NOW, PLF MILITARY HOLDING CAMPBELL AND HARRELL DOES INTEND IMPLEMENT ITS DECISION TO RELEASE THEM (KHARTOUM 1030 AND PREVIOUS). HOWEVER, LAST SENTENCE BEIRUT REFTEL IS DISTURBING IF, IN FACT, MOHAMED ALI HAS TAKEN OVER AS SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP HOLDING HARRELL, CAMPBELL AND "TAYLOR" (I.E. BRITISH HONORARY CONSUL BURWOOD-TAYLOR). DEPT WILL RECALL THAT ONLY HOSTAGES EVER THREATENED WITH EXECUTION WERE CAMPBELL AND HARRELL. THIS WAS DONE IN FORMAL PLF STATEMENT, DATED AUGUST 16, 1975, DELIVERED THROUGH AN INTERMEDIARY TO CISCO REP IN ASMARA (75 ASMARA 0798). IT IS AS LEAST POSSIBLE THAT A PLF FACTION WHICH IS NOT PREPARED TO EXCLUDE EXECUTION HAS IMPROVED ITS POSITION IN WAKE FAILURE LAST MONTH'S PLF MEETING IN KHARTOUM. IMPACT ON THIS GROUP OF NEWS OF PEACE LION DIFFICULT PREDICT, BUT DEPT MAY WISH
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AUTHORIZE LONDON INFORM BRITISH ABOUT IT, SINCE UK NATIONAL

IS AMONTH THOSE STILL BEING HELD.

2. FOR BEIRUT. IN LIGHT FOREGOING, YOU MAY WISH REPEAT
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